

Minutes of Grant County Historical Society Meeting

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Monthly Meeting- Marion Library

The March 20, 2024 Historical Society meeting was held at the Marion Library. President Travis LeMaster convened at 6:20 pm. There were 36 members & guests present. Two officers were present. Pledge of Allegiance was offered. The November Society meeting minutes were distributed. After review, the minutes were approved. Due to illness, the February minutes were not available. They will be reviewed during the next meeting. The financial report was distributed with motion to pass. Club has total assets as of 03-20 of \$8,792. 44.

New Committee reports were presented:

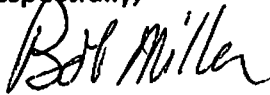
- **Membership:**
 - No new activity
 - Annual dinner will be April 17, 2024. Dinner will be open to the public. Bob Sander, co-founder of Storytelling Arts of Indiana will be the featured speaker.
- **Programming**
Field trip is scheduled to visit the Muncie Historical society on June 8. 2024.
- **Publications**
The January, 2024 Newsletter has been distributed. It featured the Harden murder case.
- **Outreach:** No activity
- **Executive:** Committee will meet April 28th. The By-laws have been edited & will be reviewed.
- **Unfinished Business:** the GAR Civil War Veterans Monument in Swayzee was discussed. Cost off repair estimated to be about \$12,000. Society voted to contribute \$400. A list of possible historical markers in Grant Co. as been submitted. GJ Kilgren will chair, but no further activity at present.
- **New Business:** None.

President Travis introduced our speaker. Jim Gartland, past president of Atlas Foundry reviewed the company's history in Marion. It was founded by Matthew Gartland, and

has been in Marion since 1893. Jim responded to several questions. Travis announced that Atlas will be the newest corporate sponsor of the Historical Society.

- Closing:
 - The meeting closed at 7:05 pm. The next meeting will be the Society Dinner in April. Dinner is open to the public.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Miller", written in a cursive style.

Robert Miller

Secretary